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1. QATAR VERY MUCH IN PEANUT GALLERY RE ARAB WAR OR PEACE
DECISIONS, BUT THIS DOES NOT DIMINISH AMIR'S AND GOQ'S DEEP

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SINCERE COMMITMENT TO AND FULL SUPPORT OF ARAB CAUSE,

PARTICULARLY PALESTINIAN ASPECT. QATARIS INTENSELY INTERESTED MID EAST DISPUTE AND PERCEIVE IT AS A CENTRAL ELEMENT IN DETERMINATION OF COUNTRY'S FUTURE.

2. AMIR HAS TOLD US THAT HE HAS COUNSELED MODERATION AND RESTRAINT AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO HIS CONFRONTATION STATE BRETHREN. HE BELIEVES JUST AND LASTING PEACE SETTLEMENT CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS CATALYZED BY US, AND THAT RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES WOULD BE DISASTER FOR ALL CONCERNED PARTICULARLY BECAUSE IT WOULD INEVITABLY ENHANCE SOVIET INFLUENCE AND PRESENCE IN AREA.

3. ALL THIS BEING SAID, GOQ WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY SUPPORT AND FOLLOW WHATEVER POLICY LINE SADAT AND SAUDIS TAKE. IF HOSTILITIES RESUMED, QATAR CAN BE EXPECTED TO USE ITS CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO BOLSTER FRONT LINE ARABS, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN USE OF OIL WEAPONS.

4. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY TRIPOLI (TRIPOLI 392) THAT POSSIBLE IRRATIONAL ACTIONS OF LUNATIC ELEMENTS SHOULD BE GIVEN GREATER WEIGHT IN WAR/PEACE CALCULATIONS. TO ITS LIST OF "ULTRAS", WE WOULD SUGGEST ADDING ISRAELI EXTREMISTS.

5. WE HAVE HAD BENEFIT OF BEING ABLE TO READ REACTIONS OF MOST AREA POSTS TO NIE, AND HAVE OBSERVED THAT GENERAL CONSENSUS OF FIELD VIEWS AT CONSIDERABLE VARIANCE FROM THOSE OF WASHINGTON INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. THIS INDICATES SURPRISING DIFFERENCE OF VIEW ON SUCH A CRITICAL SUBJECT AS PROSPECT OF RENEWED WAR IN AREA, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF ONGOING MID EAST POLICY REASSESSMENT. SOME POSTS HAVE POLITELY OFFERED EXPLANATION THAT VARIANCE MAY BE BASED ON MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON. IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR DEPT TO COMMENT FURTHER ON THIS NON-MEETING OF FIELD AND WASHINGTON MINDS.
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